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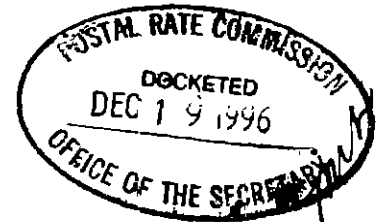
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Special Services Fees and Classifications

Docket No. MC96-3

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING GRANTING  
MOTION TO WITHDRAW PROPOSAL

(December 19, 1996)



On December 17, 1996, a Nashua Photo Inc., Mystic Color Lab, and Seattle Filmworks, Inc. Motion for Leave to Withdraw Proposal for Non-Automatable Bulk Business Reply Mail and Joint Motion Filed with the U.S. Postal Service to Cancel Hearings on Certain Rebuttal Testimony was lodged with the Commission moments before the hearings at which rebuttal testimony on the Nashua/Mystic/Seattle proposal was to be received in evidence. The joint motion to forego hearings on that testimony was granted from the bench. Tr. 10/3627.

The Nashua/Mystic/Seattle motion to withdraw its proposal to amend the Domestic Mail Classification Schedule language describing the eligibility for certain Business Reply Mail fees is also granted. No other participant has offered a substantive proposal related to Business Reply Mail. Therefore, I anticipate that it will not be necessary for any party to present arguments regarding, nor for the

Commission to consider, any substantive change in the Business Reply Mail classification in this proceeding.

RULING

The Nashua Photo Inc., Mystic Color Lab, and Seattle Filmworks, Inc. Motion for Leave to Withdraw Proposal for Non-Automatable Bulk Business Reply Mail is granted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Edward Quick, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

H. Edward Quick, Jr.  
Presiding Officer